



# Voting Information News

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**A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) for voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.**

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## Voting Assistance Officers

### "To Do" This Month:

☑ Ensure that you are on the distribution list for the FVAP News Releases and this Newsletter. VIN is available by e-mail, regular mail, or both! News Releases are available only by e-mail. Contact our office (see page 4) to be added to the distribution list.

☑ Ensure that citizens you assist have submitted new FPCAs to their local election officials if they have recently changed their mailing address or are residents of a state holding elections this year. (continued on page 2)

## Ordering Voting Materials

Maintaining an adequate supply of voting materials is an essential function of every Voting Assistance Officer (VAO). With the updated *Voting Assistance Guide* (VAG) coming out this fall, it is essential for every VAO to know the proper procedure for ordering new materials, such as the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF 76), Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) (SF 186), and the VAG. The following can be used as a reference for VAOs to order new and replacement materials. The FVAP recommends stocking four FPCAs and one FWAB per voter.

**Army:** There are Form/Publication numbers for the voting forms. The FPCA is Standard Form 76, the FWAB Standard Form 186, and the VAG is Misc. Publication 360-06. Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) are responsible for ensuring these items are ordered for their unit from the Army Publishing Directorate. The website for ordering forms and publications is [www.apd.army.mil](http://www.apd.army.mil). Each Army ordering agency has an account number and the items are mailed from the Distribution Operations Facility in St Louis, MO.

**Navy:** Navy: VAOs should order SF-76 and SF-186 through GSA using unit funds. Payment can be made either by credit card or by providing your FED/MILSTRIP. Further information can be found at: <http://www.cni.navy.mil/NavyVote/Index.html> and following the Voting Supplies link. While supplies last, SF-76 forms can be ordered 'for free' via the Navy Voting Website: SF-76 FPCA NSN 0506LP0103130 (3 per sailor). Free SF-186 FWAB forms are exhausted and will have to be purchased via GSA. Voting Assistance Guides (VAG's) and promotional posters are automatically

distributed to all commands on the Standard Navy Distribution List. For commands with limited financing for purchase of supplies, please contact Navy Voting Program Manager for assistance.

**Air Force:** Air Force Installation Voting Officer's (IVOs) order voting materials at: <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil>. IVOs may establish an on-line account to order the materials or place their order through an Organizational Account Representative (OAR). OARs are squadron personnel (normally in the orderly room/CSS) who order forms and publications. Units are not charged for voting materials. The Air Force makes a one-time automatic shipment of new *Voting Assistance Guides* and posters to the MPF Customer Service section. Customer Service personnel contact IVOs upon receipt of materials. Additional copies may be ordered through the Air Force Publications website above. The SF 76, Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) and SF 186, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) must be ordered on-line. Order four FPCAs and one FWAB for each military member assigned. Voting information is available at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund).

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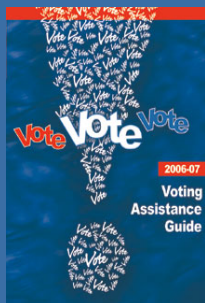


## "To Do" This Month

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☑ Make sure your organization's budget provides funding for voting materials such as FPCAs and FWABs. Ensure that you have adequate supplies of these items on-hand and order additional stock, if necessary.

☑ Plan to attend a FVAP workshop to ensure you are properly trained to provide assistance to your citizens. Contact your SVAO (see page 3 for contact info) for schedule information.



2006-2007 Voting Assistance Guides are on their way!

## FVAP Toll Free Telephone Numbers From Overseas

Below are toll-free telephone numbers from the countries listed to the FVAP offices in Washington, D.C. When local assistance is unavailable, please call the FVAP.

*The United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands share one set of toll-free numbers: Phone: 1-800-438-8683, Fax: 1-800-368-8683*

COUNTRY	TELEPHONE NUMBER	COUNTRY	TELEPHONE NUMBER
AMERICAN SAMOA	633-2872, then dial 800-323-8180	ANTIGUA	1-877-8333886
AUSTRALIA	1-800-1-27668	AUSTRIA	0800-293478
BAHAMAS	1-877-8333886	BAHRAIN	800-687
BARBADOS	1-800-534-2104	BELGIUM	0800-76834
BERMUDA	1-877-8333886	BRAZIL	0800-891-0619
CANADA	1-800-438-8683	CAYMAN ISLANDS	1-877-8333886
CHILE	800-201844	CHINA	10-800-120-0241
COLOMBIA	01-800-915-5345	COSTA RICA	0800-0120204
DENMARK	80-882544	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1-8001561554
FINLAND	0-800-1-19515	FRANCE	0800-917-304
GERMANY	0800-1007428	GREECE	00800-12-5268
GUAM	1-800-438-8683	GUYANA	1-877-8333886
HONG KONG	800-908809	HUNGARY	06-800-13824
INDONESIA	001-803-011-2583	IRELAND	1-800-55-5189
ISRAEL	1-800-9203230	ITALY	800-874729
JAMAICA	1-800-6663819	JAPAN	00531-120076
JAPAN--YOKOHAMA	00531-1208-96	KOREA	00798-14-800-4399
LATVIA	800-0154	LUXEMBOURG	8002-9087
MALAYSIA	1-800-80-3709	MARSHALL ISLANDS	1-877-8333886
MEXICO	001-877-8333886	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	001-877-8333886
NETHERLANDS	0800-0249769	NEW ZEALAND	0800-441388
NICARAGUA	001-800-2201349	NORWAY	800-15501
PANAMA	001-800-5071351	PHILIPPINES	105-11, then dial 800-323-8180
POLAND	0-0-800-1112-561	PORTUGAL	08008-12816
PUERTO RICO	1-800-438-8683	RUSSIA	8-10-8002-3333-011
SINGAPORE	800-1203425	SOUTH AFRICA	080-09-97300
ST LUCIA	1-877-8333886	ST KITTS & NEVIS	1-877-8333886
ST VINCENT	1-877-8333886	SPAIN	900-961-668
SWEDEN	020-79-6876	SWITZERLAND	0800-895623
TAIWAN	0080-13-9817	THAILAND	001-800-12-0663305
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	1-800-934-7340	TURKEY	008-00151-1163
UNITED KINGDOM	08-001698035	UNITED STATES	1-800-438-8683
URUGUAY	000-413-598-2492	VENEZUELA	0800-100-3602
VIRGIN ISLANDS	1-800-438-8683		

## California Special Congressional Election

On Tuesday, December 6, 2005, there will be a Special General Election in the California 48<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to fill the seat of Congressman Christopher Cox. All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are California residents from the 48<sup>th</sup> District should request a ballot for this special general election by completing and submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), SF-76, as soon as possible, if you have not done so already in calendar year 2005.

The 48th Congressional District is located entirely within the boundaries of Orange County. The Registrar of Voters must receive applications for registration and request for absentee ballot not later than November 21, 2005. If you are already registered, the Registrar of Voters must receive your absentee ballot request not later than November 29, 2005. The online version of the FPCA can be found at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpc.html>. Chapter

3 of the 2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide contains further instructions. The Orange County Registrar of Voters mailing address is:

Orange County Registrar of Voters  
PO Box 11298  
Santa Ana, CA 92711-1298

Citizens may receive the blank ballot via fax and return the voted ballot by fax. You may submit the completed FPCA by fax using the following toll-free fax numbers for the U.S. and Canada: 1-800-368-8683, (703) 693-5527 or DSN 223-5527 (military). Also, at <http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html>, there is a list of toll-free fax numbers from overseas countries for use by U.S. citizens. The Registrar of Voters must receive voted ballots by close of polls on election day. More information about this election may be found on Orange County's web site at <http://www.oc.ca.gov/election>.

**CORRECTION to last month's issue of this newsletter**, article "FVAP Seeking "Best Practices" From Local Election Offices": Local election officials should send best practices to [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov) and enter "BEST PRACTICE" on the Subject line. Do NOT send best practices and lessons learned to [bestpractice@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:bestpractice@fvap.ncr.gov). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



*"Although You're Far Away, Your Vote Makes It Home"*  
by TC2 Craig Lawrance, U.S. Coast Guard

### Voting Action Officers

#### Department of State: Office of Overseas Citizens Services

Chief VAO: Mr. Jack Markey, **tel:** (202) 736-4937, **fax:** (202) 647-6201, **Email:** [votinginfo@state.gov](mailto:votinginfo@state.gov)  
Deputy VAO: Ms. Linda Hoover, **tel:** (202) 647-5435, **fax:** (202) 647-6201, **Email:** [votinginfo@state.gov](mailto:votinginfo@state.gov)

#### Service Voting Action Officers

**U.S. Dept. of the Army:** Mr. James Davis **tel:** (703) 325-4530 **DSN:** 221-4530; **fax:** (703) 325-4532  
**DSN fax:** 221-4532, **Email:** [davisj@hoffman.army.mil](mailto:davisj@hoffman.army.mil),  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Active/TAGD/pssd/psb/votingindex.htm>

**U.S. Dept. of the Navy:** LT Dwight H. Isaacs **tel:** 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) (select option 6 from menu),  
**fax:** (901) 874-6825, **DSN fax:** 882-6825,  
**Email:** [vote@navy.mil](mailto:vote@navy.mil), <http://www.mwr.navy.mil/nvap/index.html>

**U.S. Dept. of the Air Force:** Mr. John Lowrance **tel:** (210) 565-5000, **toll free:** 1-800 616-3775 (Select options 1, then 1, then 2 from menu), **DSN** 665-5000; **fax:** (210) 565-2543, **DSN fax:** 665-2543;  
**Email:** [afpc/dpsfvotingpgmdlist@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc/dpsfvotingpgmdlist@randolph.af.mil); <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund/>

**U.S. Marine Corps:** Mr. David E. James **tel:** (703) 784-9511, **DSN:** 278-9511; **fax:** (703) 784-9823,  
**DSN fax:** 278-9823; **Email:** [david.e.james@usmc.mil](mailto:david.e.james@usmc.mil)  
[https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/pls/portal/url/page/m\\_ra\\_home/MR/Personnel/Voting](https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/pls/portal/url/page/m_ra_home/MR/Personnel/Voting)

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[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-1/VotingAssistance/Voting\\_Assistance.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-1/VotingAssistance/Voting_Assistance.htm)

## **Federal Voting Assistance Program**

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Washington, DC  
20301-1155

PHONE:  
(703) 588-1584  
DSN 425-1584

FAX  
(703) 696-1352  
DSN 426-1352

VOTING INFORMATION  
CENTER (VIC):  
(703) 588-1343  
DSN 425-1343

TOLL FREE (VIC and FVAP  
staff member):  
1-800-438-VOTE (8683)

*Visit our website for  
international toll-free phone  
and fax numbers.*

EMAIL:  
[vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov)

Comments or suggestions on  
this newsletter are welcome.

Website:  
[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

# Vote!

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## **Ordering Materials (continued)**

**Marine Corps:** Marine Corps VAOs may order the FPCA (SF76) and FWAB (SF186) through unit supply officers via SABRES or directly from GSA. The *Voting Assistance Guide* is available through unit S-1 offices via MCPDS or may be requested from the SVAO. Marine Corps VAOs may also obtain information on ordering voting materials by accessing <http://www.manpower.usmc.mil>, then going to the link for 'Personnel and Family Readiness' and clicking the link for 'Voting'. Once here, go into the link for MCO 1742.1A and review enclosure (3). Internet Explorer works best for navigating this site.

**Coast Guard:** FPCAs and FWABs must be ordered using unit funds from GSA using the following data:

FPCA NSN 7540-00-634-5053

Unit of Issue: 1 HD

FWAB NSN 7540-01-218-4384

Unit of Issue: 1 HD

VAGs are automatically distributed through the DOT warehouse whenever a new edition is issued. Any unit on distribution that fails to receive their issue by January 1, 2006, should

contact CWO Carol McFadden. There is also a Coast Guard Instruction to guide VAOs: Federal Voting Assistance Program, COMDTINST 1742.3(SERIES).

**Department of State:** To restock supplies, each post should order the FPCA and FWAB forms through the normal General Services Administration (GSA) supply channel. GSA requires the funding information, the stock number, and the quantity. The Department recommends that each post stock four FPCAs for each potential voter. The FPCA stock number is 7540-00-634-5053. The Department recommends that posts stock at least one FWAB for each potential voter. The FWAB stock number is 7540-01-218-4384. For expedited service, send a request to GSA. In order to notify local election officials of their current mailing address, the FVAP will continue to recommend that UOCAVA citizens submit an FPCA annually in the month of January and whenever they move or change their mailing address. ☑.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Moving? Send an FPCA to notify your local election official. Also, send us an email so that you and your replacement can continue receiving this *newsletter*.

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